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FOR OAS/SCI FOR DR. H. SPIELMAN

DEPT PASS TO DR. KEARNEY, MIN OF AGRIC, BELTSVILLE, MD.

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TAGS: SENV, IT, US
SUBJ: LETHAL GAS EXPLOSION IN LOMBARDY

REF: A. STATE 196624; B. STATE 1960962

1. SCICOUNS MET WITH MINISTER DEL FALCO EVENING AUGUST 9 TO SUMMARIZE THE STATUS OF ITALY'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY IN THE PROGRAM TO MINIMIZE HUMAN, ANIMAL AND LAND DAMAGE FROM THE EXPLOSION IN SEVESO. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUMMARY ARE:

A. DR. KEARNEY HAS COMPLETED HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITALY'S 10-POINT PROGRAM OF ACTION.

B;1 049*. POCCHIARI HAS BEEN ADVISED OF PROCEDURE AND COST OF ACQUIRING MEDLINE AND TOXLINE FOR ITALY.

C. DR. POLAND OF UNIV OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL SCHOOL HAS BEEN INVITED TO COME TO ITALY.

D. THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ITALY'S TELECONFERENCE WITH ENGLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.

2. ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON WILL AUTHORIZE AND ARRANGE FOR DR. POLAND'S TRAVEL.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 7 OF REF (A), SCICOUNS EMPHASIZED TO MINISTER DEL FALCO THE UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE IN SEVESO
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TO STUDY PRECISE ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL EFFECTS ACCOMPANYING

THE TCDD INCIDENT. THIS COULD BE READILY ACCOMPLISHED BY MAKING ZONE A A DATA COLLECTION CENTER AND BY MONITORING THE PEOPLE EXPOSED IN ZONE A AND ZONE B. SUCH A CENTER WOULD PRESENT AN UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE WORLD AND COULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP IMPROVED RESPONSE TO SUCH CASES IN THE FUTURE. THE U.S. WOULD BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE ONE OR TWO MEDICAL RESEARCHERS AS PART OF A GROUP COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE CALLED ON TO PARTICPATE IN SUCH A RESEARCHHPROGRAM. THE MINISTER RESPONDED ENTHISIASTICALLY. HE WILL EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY AND WILL ADVISE OF ACTION COMTEMPLATED.

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